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From the Bishop

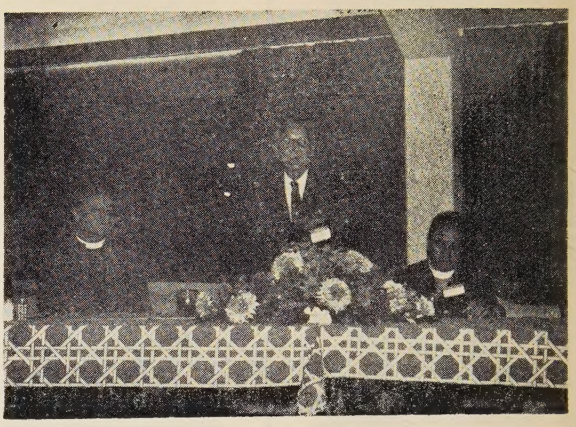
Dear flock & friends,

I have just come back from a two-month tour of the United States, attending General Convention & visiting four American dioceses, three Chinese Anglican-Episcopal Churches, & speaking to St. John's Alumni groups, the Church Periodical Club, etc.

1. General Convention: This was held at Louisville, Kentucky, from Sept. 29 to Oct. 11. Compared to the previous General Convention held at Houston, Texas (which I observed when a bishop-elect), this General Convention was mild & unexciting. Nevertheless, several important issues wers debated heatedly & lengthily, & a new Presiding Bishop was elected.

The *Ordination of Women* to the Priesthood was defeated at the House of Deputies by a peculiar voting procedure which counted split-votes in each order as negative, though there were more dioceses & individual delegates who voted in favour. The House of Bishops which had voted in favour of women's ordination at two previous meetings did not vote on the matter again after the House of Deputies' decision, but fifty-six bishops signed a Statement of Conviction in its favour.

New Dioceses-3 new diocese-Northern Mexico, Southern Philippines & North Philippines-were admitted into union with General Convention, which also consented to the division of the Diocese of Los Angeles into two (Los Angeles & San Diego).



Prof. Maurice Votaw, formerly Professor of Journalism at St. John's University, Shanghai, Chairing a meeting at Columbia, Mo., at which Bishop Pong addressed the West Convocation of the Diocese of Missouri. Bishop George Cadigan of Missouri is at his left.

Prayer Book Revision - The Trial Services will continue to be experimented & the first constitutional action will be taken on them by 1976. At the same time, the House of Deputies' resolution contains a preamble which affirms the centrality of the Prayer Book, & opponents of the "Green Book" appeared satisfied that due process will be followed for both use & revision of our liturgy.

New Presiding Bishop - The election by the House of Bishops was held on Oct. 4 at Christ Church Cathedral. Bishop John Allin of Mississippi was elected at the second ballot, & was confirmed by the House of Deputies after a more than three-hour discussion. By "random choice" arrangement, I was seated next to Bishop

Mrs. Pong & Mrs. Chou
at the U.T.O. Triennial

Allin at the House of Bishops & got to know him quite well.

Asian-American Ministry-This General Convention decided to establish an Asian desk to give pastoral care & to look after the welfare of the many Asian Episcopalians (Chinese, Korean, Japanese & Philippino) who had come into the U.S. as immigrants in the last few years. There will be a meeting next Spring to discuss the nature of this new work & possibly to propose a name to occupy the Asian desk.

Next Meeting-The House of Bishops will meet at Oaxtepec, near Mexico City, on Oct. 12-18, 1974. The next General Convention will meet at Minneapolis-St. Paul in 1976.

2. Visitations to American Dioceses: Before & after General Convention I received invitations to visit 4 American dioceses: Nevada on Sept. 9-16, North Dakota on Sept. 22-23, Missouri on Oct. 14-17, & Hawaii on Nov. 1-5.

In *Nevada* I preached in churches at Las Vegas, Reno & Elko, spoke to the ECW in Reno, & attended an ecumenical clergy conference at Lake Tahoe. But it was not all work. Bishop Wesley Frensdorff himself drove me to see the other interesting parts of Lake Tahoe, & his clergy & lay people took me to see the Boulder Dam, Virginia City & other sights. It was interesting to learn that there had been a China Town of 2000 at Virginia City, Nevada, before San Francisco, & that quite a few Chinese worked at the mines & in building the railroad in Nevada.

In the Diocese of *North Dakota*, my work was all in connection with the Diocesan Convention at Oakes. I spoke at the Convention Banquet & preached at the Closing Service. Mrs. Pong played two Chinese piano pieces at the ECW lunch. A group of Chinese Episcopalians, my former parishioners in Hong Kong, now residing at Fergus Falls, Minesota, led by Dr. & Mrs. Frank Kan, drove up to Oakes to take part in the Convention Banquet. On the night before the Diocesan Convention, I arrived at Fargo where I was able to watch on TV in my hotel the Battle of the Sexes in which Billy

Jean King defeated Bobby Riggs. Bishop George Masuda himself drove me & my wife to Oakes & back, & since my return his Diocese has voted for a sum of $3500 U.S. for work in our Diocese.

After General Convention, I spent four fully-packed days in the Diocese of *Missouri*. Besides preaching at two services & speaking at a Forum on Sunday, Bishop George Cadigan drove me to speak to a different Convocation (Deanery) in his diocese every day. There were also talks to the ECW & to laymen. At Columbia Prof. Mauric Votaw, my professor of journalism at St. John's University, Shanghai in the 1930's, & Dr. Raymond Der, Canon Edmund Der's brother, & wife, attended the Convocation which I addressed. In his introduction of me before my speech, Prof. Votaw said something which was new to me-1 am the sixth graduate of St. John's who has become a bishop. At. St. Louis, my oldfriend in S.E. Asia, Canon George Zabrieskie, took me to see a professional football game for the first time.

The fourth & last diocese I visited this time is our own Companion Diocese of *Hawaii*. Bishop Lani Hanchett assigned me to preach at St. Elizabeth Church which like St. Peter's Church at which I preached in my previous visit has many Chinese in its congregation. Further, it is St. Elizabeth which is interested in giving financial support to the equipment of our new kindergarten at St. Peter's Church, Chiayi. So far, Bishop Hanchett has given us a cheque $2500 U.S. for this project. In one of the 4 days there, the Bishop arranged for me to visit the Archdeaconry of Kauai, & Archdeacon Richard Chang took me to see 4 of the 6 Churches on the island, besides a boat tour to the Fern Grotto. I also had a session with the Diocesan Treasurer, Mr. Henry Budd's office, to learn of the total financial situation of our Companion Diocese.

3. Chinese Anglican-Episcopal work continues to grow in North America. Canon James Pun's *True Sunshine Church* in San Francisco's China Town was admitted to Parish status on Oct. 19. True Sunshine has existed for 68 years. It had a new building two years ago. Canon Pun is to be congratulated for his achievement.

In Toronto, the small Chinese Anglican congregation which met for worship at the Church of St. George the Martyr last year under the Rev. Kenneth Fung from Hong Kong has now over a hundred persons attending Sunday worship regularly. It now uses the Church of the Redeemer & worships at 9.45 a.m. every Sunday as the *Chinese Congregation of St. John's*. It was officially recognized by the Diocese on Sunday, Oct. 14 &

receives a diocesan grant of $2,000 Canadian a year.

It happened to be a Sunday when I was in New York & the Rev. Albany To invited me to preach in his *Church of Our Savior* in China Town. The Sunday congregation here is much smaller, but it has a big building with many rooms where educational, welfare & recreational activities are held. After Service, Albany drove my wife to visit West Point & Bear Mountain.

4. St. John's Alumni & St. Mary's Alumnae: In San Francisco, Mr. Kenneth Young, who had visited Taiwan earlier in the year, arranged for a meeting of Johanneans & Maryettes on Sept. 6 in a Presbyterian church hall. Over 70 from the Bay Area turned up to hear me report on the present situation of St. John's & St. Mary's Institute of Technology at Hsinpu, & all pledged support to the building of an Auditorium on the Centenary (1979) of the founding of St. John's University, Shanghai. The money-raising scheme, suggested by a Johannean in San Francisco himself, is to form a Century Club whose membership fee is $100 U.S. All Johannean & Maryettes in the U.S. as well as over the world are requested to give $20 U.S. a year from 1974 to 1978, so that we shall have enough money to put up this building in 1979 (Johanneans will remember that a big Social Hall was built on the St. John's campus, Shanghai, in 1929, our 50th anniversary).

While in Honolulu, I saw James & Agnes Pott, Dr. Edwin Kam & other Johanneans. James Pott was delighted that our latest building (an 8-classroom premise,) is named in honour of his father, Dr. F.L. Hawks Pott, our beloved President of St. Iohn's University, who had served the University eminently for 54 long years, 44 years of which as President. Dr. Kam who had contributed generously to put up the Kam Hall at Hsinpu again made a donation to the Dr. F.L. Hawks Pott Building, & James Pott & his brother Walter will also send us donations.

5. Holday: In these 2 months I managed to have about 2 weeks visiting with my wife our son David & his wife Barbara in Newark, Delaware & our daughter Rachel & her husband Sam at Reston, Virginia, as well as other relatives & friends in other places of the U.S. & Canada. The one day spent at the Calsbad Cavern which took three hours to walk through is most memorable. Two days in Hong Kong visiting old colleagues & relatives & friends, staying with Bishop & Mrs. Gilbert Baker, ended this long, often fatiguing, but very profitable & interesting two months tour.

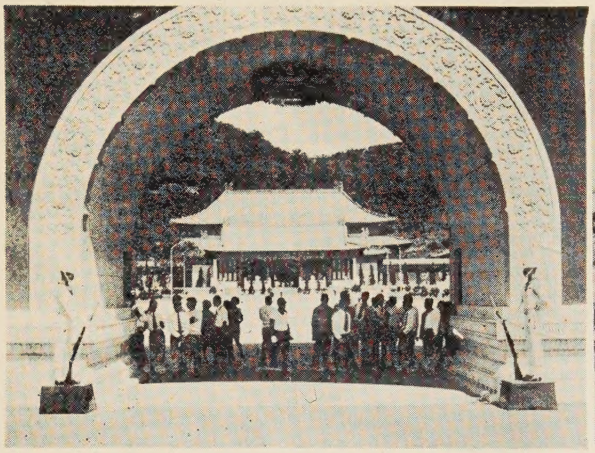
As Christmas is drawing near, may I take this opportunity to wish you. a blessed and happy Christmas and a New yea filled with joy & peace.

Your affectionate Bishop

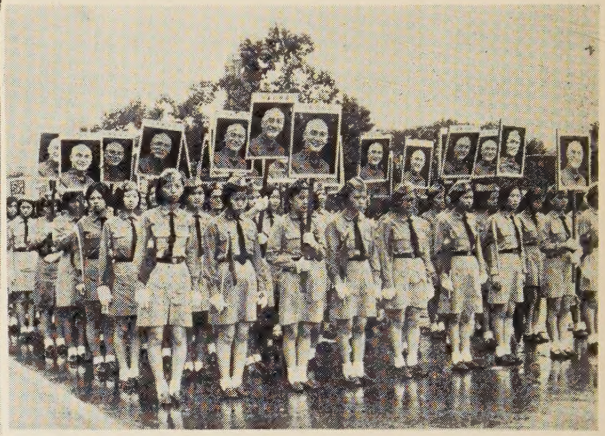
+ James Pong

A Photographer Looks at Taiwan

In October a photographer, who works on the South China Morning Post in Hong Kong, came to Taiwan in order to work on a visual aid project sponsored by the Church Missionary Society, the English Presbyterian Church and the Overseas Missionary Fellowship. Here are four of the photographs which he took.

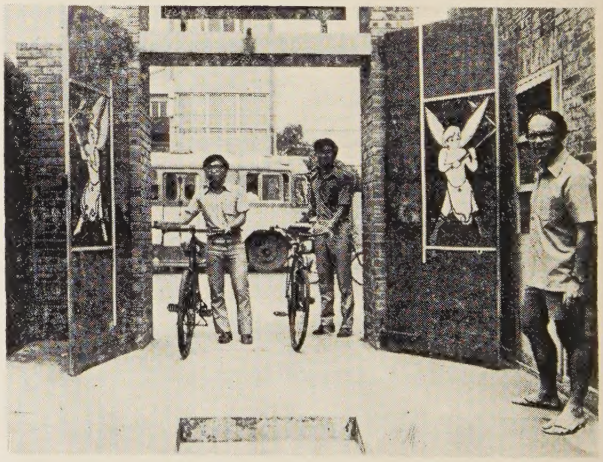


The Influence of Past Tradition-soldiers guard the entrance to the shrine which commemorates those who died in the 1911 nevolution.



The Influence of Present Authority-these girls hold aloft pictures of the President as they take part in the Double Ten celebrations.

The Influence of Western Culture-we have imported many Western ideas and caused many changes; but is it all for the good?



The Influence of the Christian Church-these students are returning from lectures to our church hostel in Tainan; what help can we give them?

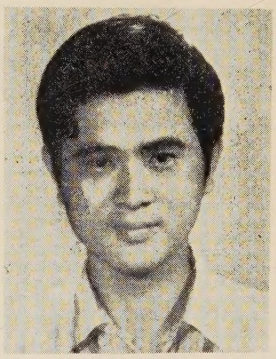
Our Church Today-My Impressions and Suggestions by Simon Kwo

(Simon graduated in 1972 from Cheng Kung University, Tainan, and is now doing his military service. He was baptised into the Episcopal Church only last Easter.)

There are two basic functions that a church has on earth: a) for Christians to worship God and b) as a witness for Christ Jesus. In the light of these two functions of the Church I would like, as a new Christian, to share with you my impressions of our Church.

The Lord Jesus told us to worship God in spirit and in truth. The Sunday service in our church is very solemn and orderly arranged. It is good. Because I am a new Christian it is very convenient for me to learn to pray, for me to have a good guide-the prayer book. But very often I have found that many of our members do not know how to pray when they have not got the prayer book at hand. God demands us to worship Him in spirit and in truth. But He delights in hearing our prayers, supplications and thanks. To pray is a right which only Christians have. Let us not abandon this precious right.

Now let us come to the second function of a church. According to God's



Phologrаph of Simon Kuo

revelation this is an evil world with unrighteous people in it. God could have destroyed it, but He would not. On the contrary, God wills all men to be saved and come unto the truth, (1 Timothy 2:4). We Christians have known God through Christ Jesus, and thereby are reconciled to Him. We are called to lead a life of righteousness and enjoy the blessing of God. I am sure that we all know that life in Jesus Christ is wonderful and joyful. But I have found that too few of us are engaged in telling this good news to our neighbors and friends etc. Have we forgotten that the Lord gave us an order before He was lifted to the right side of God-the order found in the Gospel of Matthew 28:19-20?

Let us pray always earnestly that the Holy Spirit may enable us to witness for our Lord Christ Jesus in this dark and crooked world.

Around the Churches

St. John's Cathedral, Taipei

Dean Chia has been sick for the last two months. During his illness, clergy from other parishes have been helping out with the Sunday services. Your prayers are requested for an early and speedy recovery of Dean Chia's health.

The building of the four-storey Student Centre is nearing completion. But due to rising costs of building material, another US$15,000 is added to the original estimate. Any contribution towards meeting the extra expenses will be greatly appreciated.

Lay vicar appointed at Holy Trinity, Keelung

In the absence of a priest, Mr. David Chee was appointed by Bishop Pong as lay vicar of Holy Trinity on the 9th Sept at a commissioning service. Mr. Chee recently graduated with a Masters degree in Philosophy and is also teaching at SJSMIT. He is twenty-five and a Singaporean. There were about thirty people present at the service. Canon Edmund Der preached the sermon. After the service, a dinner was held to celebrate the occasion.

Many from the Hsinpu Fellowship gave of their time during the summer vacation to teach Bible class and to help in the services. The Youth Fellowship of Holy Trinity is now revived again. Praise the Lord!

New Kindergarten opened at Advent Church, Hsinpu

The new Advent Church Kindergarten was officially opened on 3rd Sept. There was much work to be done before it was ready for the opening; such things as getting the classrooms and the surroundings ready, buying children's toys and play things, putting up posters and visiting the parents, repairing the roof and adding extra toilets and washing-stand, etc. Of course the biggest worry was: will we get the children to come as we expected?

Well, since its opening, we have had an enrolment of ninety over children. We are really grateful to the Lord for sending them to us. We have learned from this experience that nothing can be achieved without a strong faith in God and sheer hard work.

New vicar inducted and new kindergarten opened at St. Peter's Church, Chiayi

Rev. Michael Liu, former vicar of St. Peter's, left for one year of further studies to England and Ireland in September this year. The Rev. Jason Ke was inducted

by the Bishop as vicar of the parish on 19th August. After the induction a dinner was held at the Central Restaurant to celebrate the occasion.

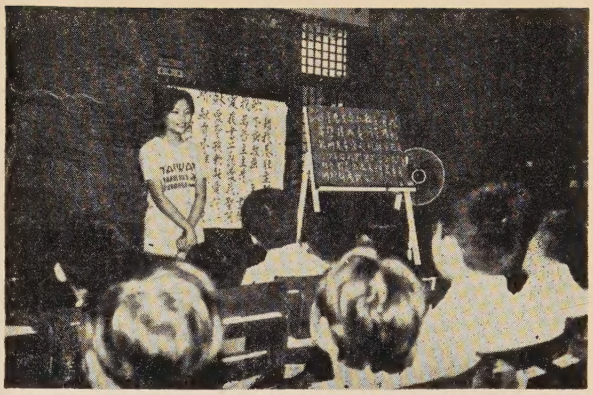
With the arrival of the new vicar, a new kindergarten was opened at the church. Mrs. Ke is the superintendent. There is also an air-conditioned nursery provided. Rev. Ou of St. Paul's Church, Kaohsiung offered much valuable assistance in getting the kindergarten started. It now has an enrolment of about 130 pupils.

Kangsan Diary

1. Awarded nine college bursaries to nine college students 15th July. The bursaries, although small (NT$300 each), are tokens of our Christian concern.

2. 24th July. A memberial service was held at the cemetery for Mrs. Soon to mark the 22nd anniversary of her passing away.

3. 24th June, St. John the Baptist Day. Mr. Soon Nien-Ju was baptised at All Saints', Kangsan. Mr. Soon is very gifted in the art of Chinese calligraphy. Since retirement from military service two years ago, has continued to practise his calligraphy and his services are in constant demand.



Vacation Bible School at Good Shephed

Good Shepherd Vacation Bible School

4. 6th-10th, Aug. Our church conducted a summer vacation Bible School. There were over sixty pupils. Four college and three high school students helped as teachers,. Church members also donated NT$1,000 for prizes and refreshments. With everyone co-operating, the Bible School was successfully completed.

5. 18th Nov. Seven people were confirmed by the Bishop.

Church of the Good Shepherd, Shihlin

1. Vacation Bible School (13-17 Aug.) Eighty-six children attended the annual vacation Bible School held at the church. The children came from the neighbourhood, many of them

from our kindergarten. They enjoyed themselves tremendously. They were divided into five classes ranging from four-year-olds to teenagers. The programme was interesting, with Bible stories, much singing, handiwork, refreshment and prizes.

2. Dance performance by Kingergarten children. On 31st October, the 87th birthday of President Chiang Kai-Shek, our Kindergarten children put on an evening of music and dances in celebration. The costumes were colorful and the dances were beautifully done, thanks to the hard work and the many hours of training put in by our teachers. About 400 people came to see the performance.

Vacation Bible School work at Hualien

Although we have no church at Hualien as yet, during the August summer vacation, several enthusiastic and devoted members belonging to the Episcopal Church conducted a vacation Bible School there. About twenty children attended and these were graded into four classes. Spirits were high and all enjoyed themselves. We do pray that this may be the beginning of something greater to come.

New Academic year begun at Hsinpu SJSM Institute of Techology

A new year began at the Institute with registration on 13th August and a total of 461 new students were enrolled. All the students enrolled had obtained high grades. This helps to enhance the reputation of the Institute. There were several new projects completed as well. These include a new eight-classroom block, an ice-skating rink, new and broadened roads and stone benches.

The Student Aid Society was fairly active in helping the new students to settle into their new environment. They offered help in filling in registration forms, finding accommodation and explaining about life in general at the Institute. There was a two-day orientation course for new students on the 29-30 August.

St. Michael's, Tainan

There are fifteen students in residence at the hostel just now. Roy and Eileen Taylor are rejoicing in the birth of their first child, Andrew Jonathan; and the students are very happy to welcome the newcomer. Chinese services in Tainan are held at Grace Church; but the English service which is held at St. Michael's mainly for the benefit of the foreign community has been growing recently. On November 11 the Bishop was prssent for the Confirmation of a Military couple Mr. & Mrs. David Briggs, and the baptism of their children. Thus in a very ecumenical congregation, which even inculdes Greek Orthodox, we have two more to wave the Episcopalian flag.

Special Events

Combined Sunday School Rally (19th August 73)

This was held at St. John's Cathedral in Taipei. Eour churches in the northern deanery participated, namely, Holy Trinity Church, Advent Church, Church of the Good Shepherd and St. John's Cathedral. About eighty people were present. The Rally consisted of competitions in the following topics: singing (choir and solo), story-telling, public speaking, writing prayers, Bible knowledge, drawing and painting. The competition among the participants was keen and many won attractive prizes. A good and profitable time was had by all.

Visit of Rev. P. Y. Cheong, Bishop's Commissary of Hong Kong

The Rev. P.Y. Cheong visited Taipei during July. He preached at St. Jon's Cathedral on the 29th July. He also visited the southern parishes such as Grace Church (Tainan), All Saints' Church, Kangsan, St. Paul's Church, Kaohsiung and St. Mark's Pingtung. Rev. Cheong also visited Hualien and met two old friends from high school days. While he was in Taipei, he underwent a thorough medical check-up of his health, in the renowned Roon-Min Hospital.

Southern Clergy Meeting (20 August)

This was held at 9 am at St. Paul's Church, Kaohsiung when Bishop and Mrs. Pong were also able to be present. There was also a luncheon reception to welcome back Fr. S.C. Wang from America and Fr. Jason Ke to the south. The occasion was also to say farewell to Fr. Michael Liu, Fr. Andrew Huang and Fr. John Chien who were going overseas for further studies. The luncheon was prepared by Mrs. Ou and the Ladies of St. Paul's Church, Kaohsiung.

Combined Sunday School Rally

View of the audience at the Rally

A Visit to St Paul's Clinic

St Paul's clinic stands unassumingly in a quiet street in the city of Kaohsiung. From the outside, it appears to be a private dwelling, nestling behind a garden fence. But inside is housed a very well-equipped outpatients and dental clinic which serves, on an average, 78 patients daily. As well as modern equipment, including the latest in x-ray machines, there is a dedicated staff made up of five doctors and nurses.

Main entrance

How often the element of true caring is omitted from medical practice in Taiwan. So St Paul's, being a service to the community in the name of Christ, goes a step further in their practice of medicine. When a patient needs further treatment, and is unable to return to the clinic, a nurse, and where necessary, a doctor and nurse, will visit the home-an unusual occurence in Taiwan.

Patients Consultation
with
The Doctor & Attending Nurse

Caring about the problems that give rise to illness, has led the clinic into the realm of family planning. A social worker is on hand to educate and encourage parents to participate in this. It is a slow and often unrewarding task as the social worker has to battle against the Chinese idea that it is good to have at least two sons to ensure the continuance of the family line.

The less fortunate in life also come under the clinic's caring wing. For example, polio children and members of their family through the Christian Children's Fund are given free treatment.

Thus, daily, from this small clinic in Kaohsiung, there is a message going out to the surrounding community-a message that there are people who care because God cares.

For Your Prayers

You are invited to keep this with your Bible and remember us daily in your prayers.

1. Bishop James Pong needs our prayers in his duties of oversight in this special anniversary year.
2. Mr. Ley, who works in close connection with the Bishop at Friendship House, recently had an operation for a tooth disorder. The rest of the office staff need our prayers.
3. The dean of the Cathedral, Fr. Chia, has had several operations recently. Pray for an improvement in his health.
4. Pray for the kindergarten at the Cathedral, the new student dormitory, and the English services at which Rev. Dr. Paul Denlinger assists.
5. Fr. Morse, despite his advanced years, continues to hold Communion services at the Yang Ming Shan chapel.
6. At Good Shepherd Church, Shih Lin, Wilfred Chee from Malaysia is doing a two-year curacy. Pray that more local people may be brought into the church.
7. Pray also for the kindergarten work and the English services at Good Shepherd.
8. The Vicar of Good Shepherd, Canon Edmund Der, is also vice principal at Hsin Pu technical school. Pray for wisdom in fulfilling a busy schedule.
9. The chaplain at Hsin Pu is Rev. Charles Chen. Pray for the ministry of Advent Church and the new kindergarten.
10. The lay vicar of Holy Trinity Keelung is David Chee (originally from Singapore, but hoping eventually to be ordained in this diocese). He also teaches at Hsin Pu.
11. Henry Pan is Vicar of St. James, Taichung. Pray for the work of the church and kindergarten.
12. The new vicar at St. Peter's Chia-yi is Rev. Jason Ke, who has moved down from the diocesan office.
13. At St. Peter's there is also a hostel for 48 schoolgirls and a new kindergarten.
14. Jason Ke is also responsible for services at Da Lin. Pray for the people there.
15. Newly returned from the States, Rev. Hsien-Chih Wang is now Vicar of Grace Church, Tainan. Pray for wisdom in a new situation.
16. Warden of St. Michael's House, a student dormitory, is Rev. Roy Taylor.

Pray for an atmosphere there which will attract students to Jesus. Roy also teaches at Cheng Kung University. Roy and Eileen thank God for the birth of their son, Andrew Jonathan.

17. A member of Grace Church is Mr. Hsia, who is preparing for the auxiliary ministry.

18. Vice Principal of the Tainan Theological Seminary is Rev. Peyton Craighill. There is a big intake of freshmen this year, which makes the job even more busy.

19. While the minister of Chia-ding is away, David Lai (student at the theological college) is taking services there. Pray for David as the time of his ordination draws near.

20. There is a flourishing Mandarin-speaking community at Kang-shan, where Rev. Cheng-hai Yang is minister. Remember especially the Friday home meetings.

21. Remember the work of St. Paul's Clinic, Kaohsiung. (see article elsewhere in this issue); Rev. Samuel Chen, besides working here, administers the southern half of the diocese.

22. The minister of St. Paul's Church, Kaohsiung, is Rev. Chun-Hsih Ou. Remember the work of this attractive church in a busy industrial setting.

23. St Paul's also has a large kindergarten. Pray for all who work there.

24. The Vicar of Pingtung, Rev. Herbert Yen, writes elsewhere of his new vicarage. A small work with little fruit in this southernmost town.

25. Rev. James Ling is working as our missionary to Mauritius.

26. Rev. Stephen Hu, on exchange with Wilfred Chee, is working for two years in St Paul's Church, Penang, Malaysia.

27. Rev. Michael Liu is on a CMS bursary in Britain. Early in the New Year he will be working in a Dublin parish.

28. Rev. John Chien is on a year's course at Virginia Theological Seminary.

29. Rev. Andrew Hwang of Chia-ding attended the Convention, and is spending a few more months in the States studying before his return in the Spring.

30. Pray for women's work in the diocese.

31. Pray for work amongst young people. Most youth clubs meet on Saturdays here and include a worship service.

THE VICARAGE AT ST. MARK'S, PINGTUNG.

by Rev. Herbert Yen.

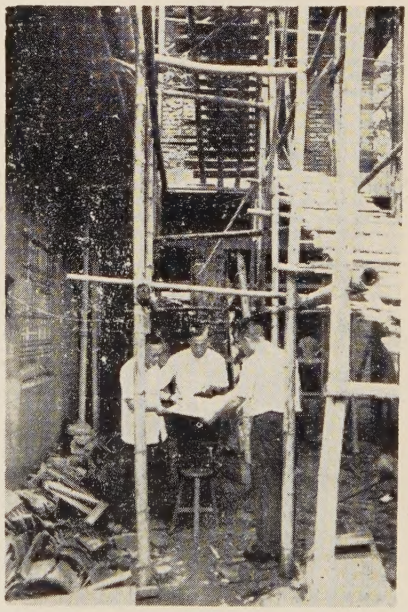
Pingtung is in the southern district of this precious island. Formerly it was known for its agricultural products, such as sugar, fruits, rice etc, but now the people learn to make handicrafts and technical goods. They need some others to help them in this field.

Our church was established on June 10th, 1961 in General Chow's residence by The Rt. Rev. Charles P. Gilson and Archdeacon S.K. Yoh. On Aug. 30th, 1966 we purchase both the land and the house with MRI of The Rev. James Stirling, D.D., Trinity Church, Columbia, S.C.

When Bishop T.M. Pong was installed on Jan. 6th, 1971, he, himself. determined to have a vicarage for each parish. On Sept. 30th, 1972 we got information from Mrs. Alice F. Emery, saying that the UTO Committee had granted $8,000.00 for the vicarage at St. Mark's, Pingtung. On May 29th, 1973 we started to build it.

For the future we suggest to have a kindergarten or nursery to help those families who really need our help.

Here is the picture of the building of the vicarage behind the chapel. God guide us, help us, bless us forever!



COMMENT

The month of October is one of many celebrations in Taiwan. On October 10 the National Day of the Republic of China is celebrated. This is the sixty-second year of the founding of the Republic. Then on October 25 the restoration of Taiwan is remembered. Taiwan was in the hands of the Japanese for fifty years until the end of the Second World War. Then on October 31 the birthday of President Chiang Kai-Shek is celebrated as a public holiday. On all three important occasions the city of Taipei, as well as other cities, is brightly lit at night and many decorative arches are erected on the main thoroughfars. One advantage of having these national occasions close together is that these arches do not need to be taken down until the three celebrations are over and so save on expenses and labour.

The Republic of China to-day is a prospering country. Progress has been especially rapid in the last ten or fifteen years. Society has moved from what was formerly agricultural to one mainly industrial. The economy of the country has never been better. Tremendous strides have been made especially in the electrical and electronic industries. Nearly every home has a television set and a washing machine. And so the life of the people is generally happy and contented and the standard of living fairly high. The smiling faces and smart outfit of the young people in the cover picture is ample evidence of this.

In the midst of this growing prosperity and expanding economy, what place does the Church has and what contribution can she make on people's lives? This is a relevant and an important question to ask. The answer is not difficult to find. Although poeple may have what they want, yet many of them find that material things alone do not satisfy: There is an inner void or vacuum in their lives which only God in Jesus Christ can fill. And so not a few have found that Jesus Christ met their need and gave them a song to sing and a purpose for living. The Church exists to help people to come to a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ and to serve whenever and wherever her service is required. Therein lies the justification for her existence in Taiwan or any other part of the world.